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1. *Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New-York, in Common Council convened, That the Mayor of the said city of New-York, for the time being, shall from time to time give and grant licenses under his hand and seal to such persons as he shall think fit, to license them and every of them to keep Hackney Coaches and Carriages for hire, which said licenses shall continue in force for the term of one year from the time of granting the same and no longer, unless the same shall be revoked by the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, for misconduct in any owner or driver; and each person to whom such license shall be given and granted, shall pay therefor the sum of Five Dollars for each and every Hackney Coach and Carriage which he shall keep for hire as aforesaid, which sum shall be paid over by the said Mayor, to the Chamberlain of the said city, and shall be used and applied in and towards the support of the poor of the said city.*

2. *And be it further ordained*, That no person shall after the first day of April next, keep any Hackney Coach or Carriage for hire in the said city, without having such license as aforesaid, under the penalty of *one hundred dollars* for every offence.

3. *And be it further ordained*, That the name of every person so licensed as aforesaid, together with the number of his license, and the number of carriages kept by him, shall be entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose in the Mayor's office ; and each person so licensed, shall cause the number of his license to be painted in a plain conspicuous manner, in figures not less than two inches in size, on the out sides of each of the doors of his carriages, which shall stand at any of the stands or places herein after for that purpose designated, under the penalty of *ten dollars* for every day or part of a day that the said carriage shall stand at any of the said stands or places, without such number so painted thereon.

4. *And be it further ordained*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Hackney Carriages belonging to the persons so licensed as aforesaid, to stand and attend for hire or employ at all times, except on Sundays. at the places following, that is to say, around the Bowling Green, at the southerly end of the Broadway ; and on the westerly side of the Broadway, between the northerly side of the northern gateway leading into Trinity Church Yard, and

the southerly side of the house at the corner of Broadway and Thames-Street, now, or lately belonging to Cornelius Ray, esq. and on the easterly side of Broadway, from the southerly corner of the Park, to a point opposite the southerly side of Robinson-Street; and on the northerly side of Chatham-Row, from the southerly corner of the said Park, to the point opposite the southerly side of Beekman-Street, and on the westerly side of Chatham-Square, and at the Circus in Broadway, opposite the corner of White-Street; and at the northerly side of Courtlandt-street-Slip, adjacent to the Steam-Boat Ferry Wharf. And the said carriages shall be placed in a range with each other, adjoining to the side walk at the said stands, and no carriage shall be placed along side of any other carriage there.

5. *And be it further ordained*, That no Hackney Carriage shall stand waiting, or attending for employment, in any of the public streets, or places in this city, other than are above prescribed, nor shall be placed along side of any other Carriage, at either of the said stands, under the penalty of *ten dollas* for each offence.

6. *And be it further ordained*, That the driver of each Hackney Carriage shall remain seated on the box, or seat of the said Carriage, during the time the said Carriage shall be waiting or attending for employment, and shall not quit his seat, except to admit a passenger into the said Carriage, or to fix or

arrange the harness ; after which, he shall forthwith resume his seat, under the penalty of *five dollars* for each offence.

7. *And be it further ordained*, That no such driver shall smack or crack his whip, while so waiting or attending for employment, under the penalty of *five dollars* for each offence.

8. *And be it further ordained*. That the rates or prices to be taken by the owners, or drivers of Hackney Carriages, on the stands above-mentioned, for the conveyance of passengers, shall be as follows. viz :

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<i>For any distance not exceeding one mile, for each person,</i>	-	00 : 25
<i>For any distance over one mile, and and within the Lamp and Watch district, for a single passenger,</i>		00 : 50
<i>For two passengers, each</i>	-	00 : 37
<i>For each additional passenger,</i>	-	00 : 25
<i>For attending a funeral in town,</i>	-	2 : 00
<i>For one or more passengers, not exceeding four, around the first, or Sandy-Hill tour,</i>	-	1 : 00
<i>For one or more passengers not exceeding four, around the second, or Love-Lane tour.</i>	-	2 : 00
<i>For one or more passengers, not exceeding four, around the third, or Lake's tour,</i>	-	2 : 50
<i>For one or more passengers, not exceeding four, around the fourth, or Apthorp's tour,</i>	-	4 : 00

